

STELA S. RANSIER

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 634]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 634) for the relief of Stela S. Ransier, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, Stela S. Ransier, the wife of Otis Ransier, a citizen of the United States, may be admitted to the United States for permanent residence if she is found to be otherwise admissible under the provisions of the immigration laws.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the Japanese wife of a native-born United States citizen.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 21-year-old native and citizen of Japan who is presently residing in Japan with her husband, Otis Ransier, a native-born United States citizen. Mr. Ransier is employed as a radio mechanic in a civilian capacity by the United States Government in Japan. Without the waiver provided for in the bill, the beneficiary of the bill will be unable to return to the United States with her husband.

A letter dated August 7, 1951, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

AUGUST 7, 1951.

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 634) for the relief of Stela S. Ransier, an alien.

The bill would provide that, notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended (8 U. S. C. 213 (c)), which excludes from admission to the United States persons who are ineligible to citizenship, Stela S. Ransier, the Japanese wife of an American citizen, shall, if otherwise admissible under the immigration laws, be admitted to the United States for permanent residence as a nonquota immigrant under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended (8 U. S. C. 204 (a)).

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Stela S. Ransier, nee Stela Setsuko Kuniyoshi, is a native and citizen of Japan of the Japanese race, having been born in Tokyo, Japan, on February 14, 1930. She is presently residing in Japan with her husband, Otis Ransier, a United States citizen, who is employed as a radio mechanic in a civilian capacity by the United States Government in Japan.

According to Mrs. H. Kimzy of Pleasanton, Kans., her brother, Otis H. Ransier, was born in Monet, Mo., on October 11, 1924, and went to Japan about 6 years ago. It is her understanding that her brother and his wife have one child, 2 or 3 years of age. Mr. Ransier stated in a letter that his mother resides in White Sulphur Springs, Mont., and that his wife, who is presently a housewife, was evacuated to rural Japan by her parents during World War II.

Since the alien is of the Japanese race, she is ineligible to citizenship under section 303 of the Nationality Act of 1940, and is thus inadmissible to the United States under section 13 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1924. In the absence of special or general legislation, she will not be able to enter the United States for permanent residence. The question of waiving the racial restrictions on immigrants, however, is one which should be resolved by general legislation.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,
Deputy Attorney General.

Senator James P. Kem, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

To: Senate Judiciary Committee Room, Senate Office Building.

Subject: Information requested for bill S. 634.

Question No. 1. The circumstances surrounding the entry of the person to the United States

This person has never entered the United States. Bill S. 634 is to permit entry and permanent residence for person named.

Question No. 2. The present activities of such person

Wife of an American citizen.

Question No. 3. How such person is presently earning a living, or whether dependent on some other person for support

Dependent of husband, Otis H. Ransier.

Question No. 4. Whether or not such person is engaged in any activities, political or otherwise, injurious to the American public interest

This person is not engaged in any activities, political or otherwise injurious to the United States or public interest.

Question No. 5. Has such person been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law, and if so what offense

This person has never been arrested for any offense of Federal, State, or civil law.

The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

OTIS H. RANSIER.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 634), as amended, should be enacted.